

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-18 contain patentable subject matter.

Claims 1-18 have been amended.

Claims 19-20 have been added.

Claims 1-20, as amended, remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration of Claims 1-20, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Paragraph 18 of the Office Action stated that "Claims 1-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, and claim objections set forth in this Office action." (February 25, 2009 Office Action, Paragraph 18, Page 7, Lines 12-13. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-18 contain patentable subject matter. The Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections and objections that have been set forth in the Office Action.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to terms in the specification that are "not clear, concise and exact." (February 25, 2009 Office Action, Page 2, Lines 1-7). The Applicants have amended the specification to provide a clear, full and concise description of the invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the specification have been overcome.

III. OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner objected to Claims 1, 6 and 13 due to certain informalities in the claims. (February 25, 2009 Office Action, Paragraphs 3-6, Page 2, Line 17 to Page 4, Line 5). The Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6 and 13 to correct informalities in the claims. The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments have overcome the objections to Claims 1, 6 and 13.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 12-14 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention. (February 25, 2009 Office Action, Paragraphs 8-17, Page 4, Line 10 to Page 7, Line 10). The Applicants have amended Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 12-14 and 17-18 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments have overcome the indefiniteness rejections of Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 12-14 and 17-18.

V. NEW CLAIMS

The Applicants have newly submitted Claim 19 and Claim 20. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 19 and Claim 20 contain patentable subject matter. The Applicants respectfully request that Claim 19 and Claim 20 be passed to allowance.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that all of the rejections of the claims have been overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims and that this application be passed to issue.

The Applicants' attorney has made the amendments and arguments set forth above in order to place this Application in condition for allowance. In the alternative, the Applicants' attorney has made the amendments and arguments to properly frame the issues for appeal. In this Amendment, the Applicants make no admission concerning any now moot rejection or objection, and affirmatively deny any position, statement or averment of the Examiner that was not specifically addressed herein.

SUMMARY

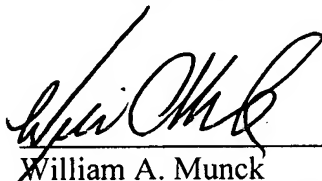
If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@munckcarter.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fee) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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